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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: ALUMINUM SMELTER

REF: STATE 290774

1. RE VIABILITY GOTT'S PROJECT TO BUILD ALUMINUM SMELTER
HERE, AMOCO REPRESENTATIVE HAS TOLD AMBASSADOR THEY CAN
PROVIDE SUFFICIENT GAS TO SUPPLY BOTH ALUMINUM SMELTER AND
IRON AND STEEL MILL UNTIL 1999, AND ARE WILLING TO SIGN
CONTRACT TO DOSO, EVEN IF NO FURTHER GAS FIELDS ARE PROVED.
OIL COMPANIES ARE CURRENTLY FLARING SOME 100 MILLION CUBIC
FEET PER DAY. THUS PRODUCTION COST OF GAS FOR SMELTER WOULD
BE MINIMAL.

2. AMOCO REP BELIEVES THAT SMELTER WILL NOT BE BUILD IN
TRINIDAD BECAUSE OF RECENT JAMACIA-MEXICO AGREEMENT AND
BECAUSE OF GUYANA'S HOPES TO BUILD HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT
IN THAT COUNTRY. THIS IS ESSENTIALLY POLITICAL DECISION
WHICH GOTT AND ITS CARICOM PARTNERS WILL HAVE TO MAKE,
HOWEVER.

3. AS EMBASSY NOTED IN OUR 3040, ECONOMIC FEASIBILITY
DEPENDS IN PART ON TREND OF WORLD MARKET PRICES, WHICH
EMBASSY CANNOT PREDICT.

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